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DEBATE DAY AFTER

October 1, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 3:00)

KCAL9 Political Reporter Dave Bryan gave us a re-cap of the first Presidential Debate. Most polls indicated that Kerry was the winner of the intense debate.

ELECTION 2004

October 4, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 2:23)

KCAL9 Political Reporter Dave Bryan reported the latest details in the Presidential Campaign. President Bush signed his fourth tax cut in less than four years. Senator Kerry supported the tax breaks for individuals, but raised concerns about the cuts for businesses.

KENNY'S LAW/HATE CRIME

October 4, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 0:30)

KCAL9 Anchor Pat Harvey reported on a new law against hate crimes, called "Kenny's Law." It is named after 17-year-old Kenneth Chiu of Laguna Hills who was stabbed to death by his white supremacist neighbor in 2001.

VP DEBATE

October 5, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 2:52)

KCAL9 Political Reporter Dave Bryan gave a re-cap of the Vice Presidential debate, which showed Cheney and Edwards' divergent views on domestic issues, the war on terror, and Iraq.

WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION REPORT October 6, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 2:18)

KCAL9 reporter Leyna Nguyen reported on a shocking new report about Iraq's ability to produce weapons of mass destruction—the report concludes that Saddam Hussein produced no such weapons after 1991.

PROP 68

October 6, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 2:08)

KCAL9 reporter Stacy Butler reported that the backers of Proposition 68—to expand gambling in California—suddenly suspended their campaign.

DEBATE FOLLOW-UP

October 9, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 1:40)

KCAL9 reporter Glen Walker reported on the latest Presidential debate, and how the two candidates continued their war of words—this time attacking each other on issues such as Iraq, jobs, and health care.

BUSH/KERRY

October 11, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 2:16)

KCAL9 Political Reporter Dave Bryan reported that as time runs short with three weeks until the election, John Kerry and George W. Bush were trying to fire up their supporters in the battleground states.

DEBATE PREP

October 12, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 2:23)

KCAL9 Political Reporter Dave Bryan reported about details of the next day's Presidential Debate. The theme of the debate was domestic issues, such as health care, stem cell research, jobs and the economy.

ELECTION 2004

October 15, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 2:59)

KCAL9 reporter Glen Walker reported with the latest details on the Campaign for Presidency. The controversy of John Kerry mentioning that Vice President Cheney's daughter is a lesbian was one of the issues at the forefront.

INTEL CURVEBALLS

October 15, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 2:44)

KCAL9 Anchor Sylvia Lopez reported on what could be a possible White House "leak problem". Over the past few months, intelligence information about Iraq—much of it bad—had been leaking out.

ELECTION 2004

October 20, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 2:40)

KCAL9 Political Reporter Dave Bryan gave an update on Bush and Kerry on the campaign trail. Both candidates continued to criticize each other, talking about the war on terror, and challenging each other's leadership qualities.

SCHWARZENEGGER

October 22, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 2:16)

KCAL9 reporter Mark Coogan reported live from Long Beach on the controversy of Governor Schwarzenegger saying, "Indians are ripping us off." Native American leaders accused the Governor of using racial slurs for political purposes.

REEVE AD/PROP 71

October 22, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 0:25)

KCAL9 anchor David Jackson reported on how even in death, Christopher Reeve was campaigning for Prop 71 (the Stem Cell Research Initiative). Reeve reportedly made the ad a week before he died, and the ad was now airing across the state.

ELECTION 2004

October 22, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 2:03)

KCAL9 Political Reporter Dave Bryan reported with an update on the race for the White House. The Presidential Candidates continued to sweep across key midwestern states. President Bush addressed doctors and nurses in Ohio, while Senator John Kerry spoke at the University of Wisconsin.

CAMPAIGN SATURDAY

October 23, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 2:09)

KCAL9 reporter Greg Mills reported with an update on the campaign trail—Bush and Kerry were taking aim at each other's records, and trying to bag voters in the key battleground states.

CAMPAIGN 2004

October 26, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 2:48)

KCAL9 Political Reporter Dave Bryan reported an update on the campaign trail. Both President Bush and Senator John Kerry began the day in Wisconsin, a key battleground state. Bush then moved on to Iowa, while Kerry flew to Nevada and then New Mexico.

BOXER CAMPAIGNING

October 28, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 2:14)

KCAL9 Anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that in the California Senate race, polls showed Senator Barbara Boxer had a double digit lead over Republican rival Bill Jones. That morning Boxer spoke to senior citizens in Orange County, hoping to also drum up support for Kerry's presidential bid.

PROPOSITIONS EXPLAINED

November 1, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 3:58)

KCAL9 reporter Glen Walker reported that California voters were looking at a long list of statewide propositions and local measures, and in his report gave a look at 13 of the items on the ballot for voters here in LA County.

KERRY/BUSH

November 1, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 2:47)

KCAL9 Anchor Mia Lee reported that with less than a day to go in Election 2004, both Presidential candidates were spending their last hours searching for votes in the key battleground states.

BUSH TODAY

November 1, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 2:23)

KCAL9 Anchor Sylvia Lopez reported live from Washington, D.C. with election coverage—President Bush was hitting several swing states on the campaign trail that day.

BUSH RE-ELECTED

November 3, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 5:34)

KCAL9 Political Reporter Dave Bryan reported that John Kerry had made his concession speech, and the nation was awaiting George Bush's appearance in Washington to claim victory in Election 2004.

THE PROPOSITIONS

November 3, 3-3:30pm newscast (TRT 3:16)

KCAL9 reporter Jaime Garza reported on the outcome of the propositions, and how pleased Governor Schwarzenegger was that in most cases, the public voted for the propositions he supported.

FOREIGN REACTION

November 3, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 1:55)

KCAL9 Anchor Pat Harvey reported on foreign leaders' reactions to the election results. With so much of the campaign revolving around terrorism and the war in Iraq, there was a definite international interest.

ARAFAT LATEST

November 9, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 1:53)

KCAL9 reporter Drew Levinson reported the latest on Yasser Arafat's health crisis. Arafat was in critical condition in a hospital near Paris.

CLINTON LIBRARY

November 16, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 0:28)

KCAL9 Anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that Bill Clinton's Presidential Library would be officially opening later that week in Little Rock, Arkansas.

BUSH CABINET

November 16, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 2:18)

KCAL9 Political Reporter Dave Bryan reported the latest on Bush's cabinet appointments—Condoleeza Rice was nominated to take Colin Powell's place, and her deputy Steven Hadley was named by Bush to succeed her as the new National Security Advisor.

JILL STEWART Q & A

November 16, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 2:19)

KCAL9 Anchors Kerry Kilbride and Sylvia Lopez spoke with political columnist Jill Stewart on set. She gave some insight as to how the race for LA Mayor was shaping up.

IRAQ

November 24, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 2:43)

KCAL9 Political Reporter Linda Breakstone reported the latest developments in the battle for Iraq that day. The coalition launched "Operation Plymouth Rock" outside Baghdad.

IRAQ LATEST

November 26, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 3:10)

KCAL9 Political Reporter Dave Bryan reported that 15 Iraqi political groups signed a resolution calling for a six-month delay in the elections. The new date was set for January 30th.

TELEPORT/PENTAGON

November 26, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 2:32)

KCAL9 reporter Glen Walker reported that the Air Force was exploring the scientific possibilities of human beings getting "beamed up" and transported from one location to another.

OIL FOR FOOD

November 29, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 2:13)

KCAL9 Anchor Sylvia Lopez reported that UN Secretary General Kofi Annan was speaking out, after learning that his son had been receiving payments from the company being investigated for alleged corrupt dealings with Saddam Hussein.

9/11 COMMISSION

November 30, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 3:08)

KCAL9 Political Reporter Dave Bryan reported an update on the battle to pass a sweeping Intelligence reform bill through Congress. President Bush and Vice President Cheney were supporting the bill and working to pass it.

RIDGE RESIGNS

November 30, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 2:15)

KCAL9 Political Reporter Linda Breakstone reported on a shake-up in the Bush cabinet—Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge resigned.

LA MAYOR'S RACE

December 1, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 2:17)

KCAL9 reporter Mark Coogan reported that public safety could be a key issue in the LA Mayor's race, but that Mayor Jim Hahn and one of his political rivals have two very different plans on fighting crime.

BUSH IN CANADA

December 1, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 1:41)

KCAL9 reporter Jennifer Miller reported on President Bush's two-day trip to Canada. He visited Halifax, Nova Scotia to thank the city for its help following the terrorist attacks.

MAYORAL DEBATE

December 2, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 3:00)

KCAL9 Political Reporter Dave Bryan reported live from West Los Angeles with the highlights on the heated Mayoral debate, which took place there that night.

ANTI-TERROR TOWN

December 3, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 1:23)

KCAL9 Anchor Sylvia Lopez reported that Playas, New Mexico is now an anti-terror training center. New Mexico Tech purchased the old mining town for the anti-terror training. Playas has many places to enact different scenarios—it has nearly 300 homes and apartments, a bank, gas station, post office, fire station, medical center and recreational facilities.

U.S. SOLDIERS

December 6, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 0:32)

KCAL9 Anchor Sylvia Lopez reported that eight US soldiers are suing the government. They say they have fulfilled their enlistment contracts, and want out of the army now. They are upset about the Pentagon's policy to hold service members past the expiration of their contracts in times of war or national emergency.

LAX VOTE

December 7, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 1:35)

KCAL9 reporter Joel Connable reported live from LAX, with details on the controversial and expensive plan to modernize LAX.

LAX POLICE

December 13, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 2:20)

KCAL9 reporter David Goldstein reported a follow-up on his undercover investigation, which had exposed some LAX officers abandoning their posts. Now a City Council committee was taking steps toward dissolving the LAX Airport Police.

GANG REDUCTION PROGRAM

December 13, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 2:18)

KCAL9 reporter Jay Jackson reported that the city of LA unveiled a new program that day, aimed at helping former gang members turn their lives around. A federal grant will help fund educational classes and job training services.

AIRLINE CELL SERVICE

December 15, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 2:00)

KCAL9 reporter Aleen Sirgany reported that the Federal government gave the green-light to the idea of having airline passengers connect to the internet while in the air—and it's possible cell phones could be next.

ELECTRONIC SUMMIT

December 15, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 0:27)

KCAL9 Anchor Dave Gonzalez reported on the White House Economic Summit, which was geared toward focusing on the future. Vice President Cheney helped kick off the Summit, and elaborated on President Bush's second term economic agenda.

BUSH LATEST

December 20, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 2:41)

KCAL9 Political Editor Linda Breakstone reported that President Bush found himself defending his defense secretary when he held his yearend news conference. The president made a startling admission about the progress of the war.

MAYOR DEBATE

December 21, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:68)

KCAL9 reporter Juan Fernandez reported that LA Mayor Jim Hahn faced off against his challengers in the second debate of the mayoral campaign. Each of the candidates stuck mainly to their campaign themes.

MUSLIM PROTEST

December 27, 9-10pm newscast (TRT:25)

KCAL9 weekend anchor Dave Clark reported that a southern California Congressman will find out if a Muslim Cleric is being treated unfairly. The cleric was arrested in November for an expired Visa and has been denied bail and visits according to his family.

IRAQ LATEST

December 29, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 1:43)

KCAL9 reporter Bianca Solorzano reported that the upcoming elections in Iraq are a top priority for President Bush. The president wants to focus on security so Iraqis can cast their ballots without fear.

HIT & RUN INJURY ACCIDENT

October 4, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 1:48)

KCAL9 reporter Jay Jackson reported the latest details on a serious hitand-run crash that morning. The search continues for the driver who plowed into four people in a South LA intersection, sending all to the hospital.

LAPD TRAINING CHANGES

October 5, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 0:40)

KCAL9 Anchor David Jackson reported that the LAPD is introducing a new training program to deal with officers who get into a rage, or use excessive force. LAPD officers will be trained to intervene whenever an officer appears to be out of control.

TEACHER/MOLEST

October 5, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 0:30)

KCAL9 Anchor David Jackson reported an update in the case of the 51year-old elementary school teacher charged with fondling a 10-yearold student—new information reveals that he has a history of inappropriate behavior with students.

CHILD ANNOYANCE

October 6, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 2:13)

KCAL9 reporter Suraya Fadel reported the latest in the search to find the man who is trying to lure teenage girls into his car—he made two attempts in the South Pasadena area and apparently did not give up easily.

CEDAR FIRE INDICTMENT

October 6, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 2:15)

KCAL9 Anchor David Jackson reported that West Covina resident Sergio Martinez was indicted by a Federal Grand Jury for starting the Cedar Fire of last October—the largest wildfire in California History.

14-YEAR-OLD SHOT

October 9, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 2:10)

KCAL9 reporter Sandra Hernandez reported live from South LA with the latest on the investigation into a devastating crime—a 14-year-old boy was shot and killed while riding his bike that afternoon.

14-YEAR-OLD SHOT VIGIL

October 11, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 2:09)

KCAL9 anchor Dave Clark reported on a neighborhood vigil held for Byron Lee by his family and friends—as police were still trying to track down the killers, who shot Byron 19 times as he begged for his life.

STORE OWNER KILLED

October 11, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:43)

KCAL9 reporter Suraya Fadel reported live from Hawaiian Gardens, where a convenience store owner was stabbed and killed in his store on Carson Boulevard.

BOY KILLED/SUSPECTS

October 12, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:44)

KCAL9 Anchor Dave Clark reported live from South LA with the latest in the hunt for the killers of 14-year-old Byron Lee, Junior, who was shot 19 times as he begged for his life.

VACCINE TERROR

October 15, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 2:26)

KCAL9 Anchor Pat Harvey reported that terrorism experts warn that, while the flu vaccine shortage is a big problem, health officials should be prepared for something such as a bioterrorism attack.

ARMY UNIT INVESTIGATION

October 18, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:54)

KCAL9 Anchor Sylvia Lopez reported on an Army investigation underway, regarding the 18 US Army reservists who refused to carry out a mission to carry contaminated fuel into the Sunni Triangle.

HAHN/KOREATOWN RAPIST

October 18, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 0:38)

KCAL9 Anchor David Jackson reported that a \$50,000 reward was offered that night for the capture of the Koreatown rapist. Police also released new composite drawings of the suspect, whom they say sexually assaulted two women and tried to attack a third.

JOGGER ATTACK

October 22, 3-3:30pm newscast (TRT 1:33)

KCAL9 Inland Empire reporter Craig Fiegener reported from Rancho Cucamonga with a warning for women. Three women had been attacked in the past three months in Rancho Cucamonga--when they were out alone early in the morning.

BYRON LEE SUSPECTS

October 22, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:59)

KCAL9 reporter Joel Connable reported on the arrest of David Porter in conjunction with the murder of a South LA teenager. Police still looking for two more suspects.

AMBER ALERT

October 25, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:50)

KCAL9 reporter Leyna Nguyen reported live from Rialto on an Amber Alert that was out for three missing girls—sisters who disappeared from their Rialto home.

SERIAL MURDER SUSPECT

October 23, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 2:21)

KCAL9 reporter Christina Penza reported on a serial murder suspect who the authorities say may be LA's most prolific serial killer ever. This after investigators got a DNA match that revealed the link between this man and 12 murders.

SANTA ANA BARRICADE

October 24, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:47)

KCAL9 reporter Greg Mills reported live from Santa Ana on a tense situation that occurred there—a SWAT team spent hours hunting unsuccessfully for a robbery suspect. A robbery that police say was connected to an illegal immigrant smuggling deal gone bad.

89-YEAR-OLD SHOT DEAD

October 29, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:53)

KCAL9 reporter Greg Mills reported live from Ontario on a shocking crime—three high school students accused of murdering an 89-year-old man.

BIN LADEN TAPE

October 29, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 2:15)

KCAL9 reporter Lisa Sigell reported on Osama Bin Laden's most recent videotaped message, that some feared could contain a hidden message for a terrorist attack.

PREDATOR

November 15, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 2:12)

KCAL9 anchor David Jackson took us inside the nerve center of the Predator, one of the military's top tools. Never before had TV cameras

been allowed inside the control center of one of the most important weapons in the war against terror.

ELDERLY SCAM VICTIMS

November 1, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 2:15)

KCAL9 reporter Jay Jackson reported live from Franklin Hills, with details on the escalating robberies where burglars pose as utility workers, repairmen and sales people—targeting seniors in Los Angeles.

IRAQ KIDNAPPINGS

November 1, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 1:50)

KCAL9 reporter Charlie D'Agata reported that in Iraq that day, militants had kidnapped an American and five others that morning. They were abducted from their office in Baghdad.

DNA PROP 69

November 3, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 2:32)

KCAL9 Orange County reporter Dave Lopez reported on whether or not our streets will really be safer, now that Proposition 69 has passed. Prop 69 is for creating a DNA database to track criminals.

STOLEN CAR STING

November 4, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 1:52)

KCAL9 reporter Paul Dandridge reported on the police bust of a stolen car operation in the Inland Empire, where dozens of people were arrested and hundreds of cars recovered. We showed the dramatic video from the bust.

HOSTAGE SCENE

November 9, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 2:01)

KCAL9 reporter Mark Coogan reported live from the Westlake District, on the investigation underway there to determine how and why the hostage situation at the Mexican Consulate happened. City officials and federal agents discussed ways to prevent something similar from happening again.

CONSULATE

November 9, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 2:09)

KCAL9 reporter Jay Jackson reported the details on how the hostage situation at the Mexican Consulate in LA unfolded. The LAPD was on tactical alert for hours. The hostage was able to run away, unhurt.

WOMAN KILLED

November 9, 3-3:30pm newscast (TRT 2:05)

KCAL9 reporter Paul Dandridge reported that a Long Beach woman was stabbed to death while police waited outside her home. The two suspected killers were put behind bars.

KIDNAPPING FOILED

November 11, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 2:02)

KCAL9 reporter Joel Connable reported live from Lakewood, where a passing motorist rescued a woman earlier that day. Two men were trying to kidnap her from a parking lot outside a donut shop. The men were still on the loose that night.

TAGGER TASK FORCE

November 11, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 0:49)

KCAL9 Anchor Pat Harvey reported that teams of officers from the LAPD, LA County Sheriff's Department and the Department of Corrections began serving more than 40 arrest warrants that day—to juveniles involved in crimes like tagging, vandalism and property theft.

CORONA TAPE

November 11, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 2:22)

KCAL9 reporter Suraya Fadel reported on an apparent kidnapping in the parking lot of a discount mall in Corona, which was caught on tape—but police received no report of a missing person.

PROSTITUTION RING

November 13, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 1:45)

KCAL9 reporter Greg Mills reported that undercover officers took 42 people into custody, after a prostitution ring bust in Pomona the previous night.

CHILD ABDUCTION

November 14, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 1:35)

KCAL9 reporter Sandra Hernandez reported live from the San Fernando Valley, on an Amber Alert in progress—police were asking for the public's help in finding a four year old girl who was abducted.

TEEN KILLED

November 16, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 2:06)

KCAL9 reporter Jennifer Sabih reported on the death of 15-year-old Marcel Belcher, who was shot more than a dozen times while walking to his friend's house. Police were still looking for the gunman.

LOTTO TICKETS STOLEN

November 16, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:56)

KCAL9 reporter Juan Fernandez reported live from Aliso Viejo, to talk about a robbery suspect on the loose—he broke into a convenience store and ran off with hundreds of stolen scratcher tickets.

TEACHER MOLESTER

November 18, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 2:16)

KCAL9 Orange County Reporter Michele Gile reported the latest on the teacher molester—51-year-old Daniel Havlik was in jail that night, but investigators believed that there was another victim and feared there could be even more.

SUV VANDALISM

November 18, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 2:06)

KCAL9 reporter Juan Fernandez reported live from Downtown LA with details on the jury deliberations in the case of a Cal Tech student charged in a vandalism rampage that occurred last year in the San Gabriel Valley.

MISTAKEN KILLING

November 20, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 2:34)

KCAL9 reporter Glen Walker reported that the city of Carson was offering a \$25,000 reward for information leading to the killer of a Carson man.

PURSUIT STANDOFF

November 24, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 1:58)

KCAL 9 reporter Jay Jackson reported live from Agoura Hills, where the dramatic end to a chase and stand-off took place. The suspected carjacker who held police at bay for hours was taken into custody.

AUTO INSURANCE BUST

November 24, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 2:00)

KCAL9 reporter Paul Dandridge reported that state investigators busted a car insurance fraud ring, and were asking for the public's help in finding others who were part of the phony claim scheme.

AUTO INSURANCE BUST

November 24, 3-3:30pm newscast (TRT 1:49)

KCAL9 reporter Paul Dandridge reported that state investigators were asking for the public's help in finding other people part of the scam—investigators had just recently busted a car insurance fraud ring.

AQUARIUM TORTURE

November 9, 3-4pm newscast (TRT 2:17)

KCAL9 Orange County Reporter Michele Gile reported that police caught the fish killers—four men were put behind bars that day, accused of killing two sharks and a ray at the Long Beach Aquarium.

SURVEILLANCE CAMERAS

November 11, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 2:01)

KCAL9 reporter Paul Dandridge reported about a new survey on surveillance cameras, commissioned by a security company.

LAW ENFORCEMENT EXPO

November 13, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 2:12)

KCAL9 reporter Dave Clark reported on the International Conference of Peace Officers, where exhibitors showed off high tech armored vehicles, notebook computers and more.

DOMESTIC MURDER

November 20, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 1:45)

KCAL9 reporter Leyna Nguyen reported live from Irvine, where a girl's body was discovered inside her apartment earlier that day—her boyfriend, the suspected killer, was taken into police custody that night.

RAVE PARTY

November 29, 3-3:30pm newscast (TRT 2:28)

KCAL9 reporter Jaime Garza reported updates on the previous weekend's underground rave party shooting, that left one person dead and a police officer injured.

WRONGLY CONVICTED

November 30, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 2:00)

KCAL9 reporter Jay Jackson reported live from Pasadena, where lawsuits were filed by an ex-Marine against the city of Long Beach and LA County, because he said that 24 years ago he was convicted for a murder he did not commit.

FATHER KILLED

December 2, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 2:17)

KCAL9 Inland Empire Reporter Craig Fiegener reported live from Rialto, where several suspects had been put in custody, in connection with the murder of a father who was shot on his way to buy medicine for his sick child.

POMONA HOMICIDE

December 4, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 1:12)

KCAL9 reporter Sandra Hernandez reported live from Pomona, to report that Pomona Police found a woman dead in her mobile home earlier that day, and a four-year-old girl who was with her was missing. The woman's grandson was arrested on kidnapping charges, but not for murder.

JANITOR TERROR TRAINING

December 6, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 2:02)

KCAL9 Orange County Reporter Michele Gile reported on a new terror training program for janitors. Since janitors clean the same buildings and offices each night, they could be the first to notice something suspicious.

SIMI BEATING/HATE CRIME

December 7, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 1:48)

KCAL9 reporter Jaime Garza reported on a brutal attack in Simi Valley, which police called a hate crime. Police said several white teenagers beat up a black teen because of the color of his skin.

MOTHER KILLED

December 8, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 2:16)

KCAL9 reporter Dave Clark reported on a horrifying story—a 6-year-old watched as a pick-up truck plow into his mother, who later died at the hospital. Police arrested the driver, who they said has a long record of drunk driving.

DUI DEATHS

December 13, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 0:31)

KCAL9 Anchor Pat Harvey reported that San Bernardino police were leading the way in a crackdown on drinking & driving—after they had four drunk driving deaths in one week's time. The Department added more patrols to catch drunk drivers, and authorities say they'll seek murder charges whenever possibly in deadly drunk driving cases.

STOLEN MAIL

December 13, 3-3:30pm newscast (TRT 0:41)

KCAL9 Anchor Mia Lee reported that police caught a local man who stole more than a thousand pieces of mail. Investigators said most of the mail was intended for residents of south Orange County, and that the mail that hadn't been opened would be sent to the rightful recipients.

GANG APARTMENT CLOSURE

December 14, 3-30pm newscast (TRT 0:30)

KCAL9 Anchor Mia Lee reported that city officials cracked down on a notorious gang by shutting down an entire apartment complex in South LA. Since June of 2002, the complex had 13 drive-by shootings with 9 people shot, including two children.

HATE CRIME PROFESSOR SENTENCED

December 15, 3-3:30pm newscast (TRT 0:30)

KCAL9 Anchor Dave Gonzalez reported that Kerri Dunn—the professor who vandalized her own car in a staged hate crime—was sentenced to a year in prison.

HATE CRIME FINDINGS

December 16, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 1:54)

KCAL9 reporter Paul Dandridge reported that some new reports showed that hate crimes in LA County were down by 14%--the lowest number reported in more than a decade.

INSURANCE FRAUD

December 20, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 1:66)

KCAL9 reporter Jay Jackson reported on a police bust on a ring of criminals accused of staging accidents to collect on fraudulent insurance claims.

FAKE MONEY

December 20, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 1:54)

KCAL9 Inland Empire reporter Craig Fiegener reported that investigators are on the hunt for counterfeiters trying to get fake money into circulation.

NURSING HOME SHOOTING

December 24, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:45)

KCAL9 reporter Greg Mills on a shooting at the Ember Care Health Center in Perris. Witnesses say a man pulled out a gun and shot a nurse at close range.

DOUBLE HOMICIDE

December 30, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 1:40)

KCAL9 reporter Carter Evans reported live from Santa Ana that an elderly couple was stabbed to death. The victims' bodies were discovered by their daughter.

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HEALTH AND MEDICINE

VIOXX

October 1, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 3:10)

KCAL9 Health Reporter Dilva Henry reported the latest in the Vioxx matter, after the drug had been pulled from pharmacy shelves. New information showed that the manufacturer of Vioxx may have known there were problems with the drug for years.

NEW WEST NILE CASE

October 1, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 0:52)

KCAL9 Anchor David Jackson reported on California's 18th death from the West Nile Virus—a 66-year-old LA County woman. 17 of the state's 18 West Nile deaths have happened in four Southern California counties.

IMPLANTABLE LENS

October 4, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 2:16)

KCAL9 Health Reporter Dilva Henry reported details on a newly approved procedure to correct vision problems for people with severe nearsightedness—and the two Southland men who were among the first in the country to undergo it.

FLU VACCINE

October 5, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:48)

KCAL9 reporter Stacey Butler reported live in Atwater Village, where flu inoculations were scheduled to begin that week. That day, the nation's second-largest manufacturer announced that it was stopping production of its vaccine.

VIOXX ALTERNATIVE

October 6, 3-3:30pm newscast (TRT 1:50)

KCAL9 reporter Paul Dandridge reported that on the heels of the massive Vioxx recall, medical researchers were taking a closer look at another popular drug.

ANTI-VIRAL DRUGS

October 11, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 2:01)

KCAL9 reporter Jennifer Sabih reported on the shortage of flu vaccines this year, but talks about ways people can protect themselves.

BACKPACK PAIN

October 12, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 2:11)

KCAL9 Health Reporter Dilva Henry reported on the recent studies which show that as many as 6 out of 10 students suffer chronic pain from carrying heavy backpacks.

ALZHEIMER'S EXERCISE

October 12, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 2:08)

KCAL9 Health Reporter Dilva Henry reported on how certain exercises for the brain may really help Alzheimer's patients, by delaying the symptoms of Alzheimer's.

LOCAL FLU SHOT

October 15, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:44)

KCAL9 reporter Stacey Butler reported live from El Monte with updates on the flu shot shortage. Long lines of people were seemingly everywhere, waiting for an opportunity to get a flu shot.

HEALTHY NEIGHBORHOODS

October 15, 3-4pm newscast (TRT 1:42)

KCAL9 reporter Stacy Case reported on some studies that have shown a link between suburban sprawl and today's obesity epidemic. She showed us some of the new "healthy neighborhoods."

FLU PREVENTION

October 18, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 2:22)

KCAL9 Health Reporter Dilva Henry reported on ways you can help yourself avoid the flu bug, if you cannot get a flu shot.

FLU SHOTS AVAILABLE

October 22, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 1:15)

KCAL9 reporter Greg Mills reported on the release of over three million doses of flu vaccine, given by the Centers for Disease Control. Great news for people who need the shots, yet there still wasn't enough vaccine for everyone in high-risk groups.

PRICE GOUGING/FLU

October 22, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 2:15)

KCAL9 Anchor Pat Harvey reported on the California Attorney General's investigation into possible flu shot price gouging by three Southern California flu vaccine distributors: Durbin Medical, Nationwide Medical Supply and Advanced Medical Sales Corporation.

ACCUTANE WARNING

October 26, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 2:09)

KCAL9 Health Reporter Dilva Henry reports on new information that explains how the acne drug Accutane may cause severe depression in certain patients.

BREAST CANCER TREATMENT

October 26, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 2:53)

KCAL9 Health Reporter Dilva Henry reported on a new FDA-approved device for breast biopsies called Enbloc, which is faster and will allow doctors to get more accurate results.

DOWN SYNDROME

November 2, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 1:55)

KCAL9 Health Reporter Dilva Henry reported on an experimental medical trial that is looking at whether a drug used on Alzheimer's patients can also improve the lives of those born with Down Syndrome.

BREAST CANCER TREATMENT

November 4, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 3:16)

KCAL9 Health Reporter Dilva Henry reported on a new ultrasound device to test and help diagnose breast cancer.

TEETH WHITENING

November 4, 3-3:30pm newscast (TRT 2:25)

KCAL9 Health Reporter Dilva Henry reported on how Americans are spending billions for a whiter smile, but that when it comes to teeth whitening, you can go "too far."

ORANGE COUNTY FLU CLINIC

November 4, 8-9 pm newscast (TRT 2:11)

KCAL9 Orange County Reporter Dave Lopez reported that a mobile clinic was giving away free flu shots in Westminster that day.

FLU SHOTS

November 6, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 1:29)

KCAL9 reporter Leyna Nguyen reported that over 10,000 people got flu vaccinations in Orange County that day, after the County received nearly 12,000 doses of the vaccine.

TEENS AND PLASTIC SURGERY

November 9, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 3:13)

KCAL9 Health Reporter Dilva Henry reported that many of the new cosmetic surgery patients are teenagers! More and more teens are getting liposuction, nose jobs and breast augmentation, to name a few.

NEW FACIAL FILLER

November 11, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 2:18)

KCAL9 Health Reporter Dilva Henry reported on a new product called, "Sculptra", that fills in deep lines and wrinkles on aging individuals.

LIVING WELL

November 11, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 1:27)

KCAL9's "Doctor James" reported on a way to help build up your muscles and bones, with a certain beverage.

FLU SHOTS

November 13, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 2:37)

KCAL9 reporter Christina Penza reported that thousands of Southland residents were able to get flu shots that day at 16 locations in LA County, despite the season's severe flu vaccine shortage.

QUIT SMOKING TIPS

November 18, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 2:38)

KCAL9 Health Reporter Dilva Henry reported that the American Cancer Society was calling on millions of people to give up smoking for the day in the Great American Smokeout.

PSYCHOLOGY OF SCENT

November 20, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 1:47)

KCAL9 Health Reporter Dilva Henry reported that researchers found that certain scents can alter your mood for the better.

LIVING WELL

November 20, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 1:14)

KCAL9's Dr. James reported that eating healthy foods grouped together could be a powerful tool against cancer.

SMOKING DEATHS

November 24, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 0:41)

KCAL9 Health Reporter Dilva Henry reported the latest staggering figures on smoking deaths. Smoking killed nearly 5-million people

worldwide in 2000. More than half of all deaths occurred in smokers ages 30 to 69.

CRYSTAL METH/HIV

November 24, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 2:13)

KCAL9 Health Reporter Dilva Henry reported that the rising popularity of the drug Crystal Meth is threatening the gay community, with relation to HIV.

SUPREME COURT/MEDICAL MARIJUANA

November 26, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 2:12)

KCAL9 Anchor Sylvia Lopez reported that an Oakland woman would be going before the US Supreme Court on Monday, to argue that she needs medical marijuana to survive.

BOTULISM/BOTOX

November 29, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 2:25)

KCAL9 Health Reporter Dilva Henry reported on a Florida couple that was in the hospital in very serious condition, diagnosed with botulism a day after having botox injections.

MEDICAL MARIJUANA

November 29, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 2:46)

KCAL9 Anchor Pat Harvey reported with the latest on the Supreme Court hearing arguments about medical marijuana that day.

PET SURGERY

November 30, 3-3:30pm newscast (TRT 3:35)

KCAL9 Anchor Mia Lee reported on the sorts of high tech surgical procedures that are available for pets.

BOTOX DANGERS

November 30, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:53)

KCAL9 reporter Lisa Sigell reported live from the Miracle Mile, to update on the four people still in the hospital in serious condition after undergoing botox injections. Doctors said they may have been the victims of bogus botox.

RADIATION DETECTORS

November 30, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 0:36)

KCAL9 Health Reporter Dilva Henry reported that the handheld radiation detectors used for security at airports, were being set off by medical patients who had received radiation treatment.

HIV/AIDS WRITING CONTEST

December 1, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 2:37)

KCAL9 Health Reporter Dilva Henry reported about a national HIV writing contest for young people. Entries poured in from around the country, and the winning entry will be made into a short film to be shown around the country. Statistics show that young people are missing the message that HIV can strike almost anyone at any age.

WORLD AIDS DAY

December 1, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 2:07)

KCAL9 Health Reporter Dilva Henry reported on the 17th Annual World Aids Day, and showcased one woman's story of how AIDS devastated her family.

DIABETES FOOD

December 2, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 2:02)

KCAL9 Health Reporter Dilva Henry reported on some of the new products that are available to help people with diabetes manage the disease.

FOOD SUPPLY DANGERS

December 6, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 1:39)

KCAL9 Health Reporter Dilva Henry reported that outgoing Health and Human Services Secretary Tommy Thompson said that the nation's food supply is at risk. He warned that America's food is vulnerable to terrorists. The Department of Agriculture says next year America will import as much food as it exports.

BREAST CANCER DRUG

December 8, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 1:30)

KCAL9 Health Reporter Dilva Henry reported that a new drug may be more effective than Tamoxifen in preventing the return of breast cancer.

LIGHT CIGARETTES

December 9, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 1:58)

KCAL9 Health Reporter Dilva Henry reported about a new study which found that many smokers think "light" cigarettes are safer than regular ones. Scientists say that assumption couldn't be more wrong.

BREAST CANCER

December 10, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 1:41)

KCAL9 Health Reporter Dr. Sean Kenniff reported on an advance in breast cancer treatment. A new, more accurate test can tell doctors if their patients need chemotherapy after surgery.

LOW CARB PRODUCTS

December 13, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 1:14)

KCAL9 Health Reporter Dilva Henry reported that the low carb craze had finally cooled down, and spoke with experts about how the change in opinion came about for many people.

RAW FOOD RAGE

December 15, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 2:28)

KCAL9 Health Reporter Dilva Henry reported on the raw food rage—many nutritionists say that raw food is one of the best ways to eat. And nowadays it's easier to find raw restaurants. The Culver City restaurant "Leaf Cuisine" was featured in this story.

FREEZING PROSTATE

December 16, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 2:27)

KCAL9 Health Reporter Dilva Henry reported details on a new way to treat prostate cancer and limit the side effects—it is called "Focal Cryotherapy". It literally freezes and kills the prostate tumor, leaving the remaining prostate gland intact. The treatment for prostate cancer often means a radical removal of the prostate, which results in lifealtering side effects.

SAFE PAIN RELIEF

December 22, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 2:15)

KCAL9 Health Reporter Dilva Henry reported that people suffering from arthritis and backaches are in a bind. They're wondering what to take for pain. Henry offered helpful advice.

CHICKEN SOUP

December 24, 2-3pm newscast (TRT:26)

KCAL9 Health Reporter Dilva Henry reported that homemade chicken soup is a good remedy for the flu. Studies show it reduces inflammation in your throat and lungs and boosts the immune system.

BACK PAIN

December 27, 12-1PM newscast (TRT 1:54)

KCAL9 Doctor David Marks explained a new surgical procedure that could bring relief to thousands of people who suffer from back pain caused by a degenerating spinal disk. For many it could mean the difference between being house-bound and restored from movement.

RESTLESS LEG SYNDROME

December 29, 12-1PM newscast (TRT 1:50)

KCAL9 reporter Jamie Garza reported on a new drug that is showing promise for patients suffering from a condition called restless leg syndrome.

LIVING WELL

December 30, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 2:01)

KCAL9 reporter Doctor James reported that you could have an increased risk of heart disease and not even know it. James shared an important way to maintain a healthy heart.

MIGRAINE TREATMENT

December 31, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 2:09)

KCAL9 reporter Sandra Mitchell reported that at times migraine pain is so severe it can be debilitating. There may be a new breakthrough treatment on the way.

COMMUNITY AND MINORITY

ORGAN DONATION FAMILY

October 1, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 2:14)

KCAL9 reporter Jay Jackson reported that the family of Nicholas Green was in Southern California (at Mattel's Children's Hospital) that day. Ten years ago, Nicholas was shot and killed in Italy, and his parents donated his organs to seven Italians.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE/PHONES

October 1, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 1:57)

KCAL9 reporter Angela Chee reported on that day's announcement that the city of Los Angeles was starting a program that uses donated cell phones, in order to help domestic abuse victims make the important call to get help.

RELIGIOUS WORDS

October 1, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 1:58)

KCAL9 Inland Empire reporter Craig Fiegener reported live from Riverside, where there was a debate over an engraving (that speaks of "truth and Christianity") on the wall in a Riverside County Courtroom. Some residents say the words endorse one religion over others.

OFFICER LIZARRAGA

October 9, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 2:07)

KCAL9 reporter Christina Penza reported that the city of LA is honoring a fallen officer who died in the line of duty earlier this year. An area in front of the Newton Police Station will now be known as "Officer Lizarraga Square".

LANCASTER VANDALISM

October 10, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 1:35)

KCAL9 reporter Stacey Butler reported live from Lancaster on a possible hate crime against African Americans. Some Lancaster residents woke up and found a symbol of hate etched on their car.

LATEST MLK

October 12, 3-3:30pm newscast (TRT 2:08)

KCAL9 reporter Angela Chee reported on the latest alarming development—another patient death at the troubled King-Drew Medical Center. A nurse turned down a vital-signs monitor in ICU, and didn't hear a thing when the patient flat-lined.

10 COMMANDMENTS

October 12, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 1:35)

KCAL9 Anchor Kerry Kilbride reported on the issue of whether it's constitutional to display the Ten Commandments on government land and buildings, as the Supreme Court weighs in on the separation of church and state.

RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE

October 15, 3-3:30pm newscast (TRT 0:20)

KCAL9 Anchor Mia Lee reported on the 30th Anniversary of the first Ronald McDonald House. The program began with one house in Philadelphia in 1974, and has expanded to nearly 240 houses in 24 countries.

MO THE CHIMP

October 15, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 0:49)

KCAL9 Anchor Pat Harvey reported an update on the couple that raised "Mo the Chimp" for 33 years in their West Covina home, until Wildlife officials had him taken away five years ago. Now, Mo has been moved to a ranch in Caliente, which means the couple can visit him.

14-YEAR-OLD VIGIL

October 15, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:52)

KCAL9 reporter Juan Fernandez reported live from Inglewood with the latest details on the search for the gunmen that killed Byron Lee Junior, who was shot 19 times while riding his bike near his home.

TRAIN DERAILMENT

October 18, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 1:45)

KCAL9 reporter Sandra Mitchell reported live from Pico Rivera with an update on the train derailment there which occurred a few days prior. Most of the families displaced by the derailment were back at home, and Metrolink service was back up and running in the area.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE

October 23, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 0:35)

KCAL9 Anchor Dave Clark reported about "Make a Difference Day", which took place in Santa Clarita that day. 700 volunteers were there to help out with painting, planting, cleaning and renovating.

CRUISE FOR KIDS

October 24, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:59)

KCAL9 reporter Christina Penza reported on the fundraiser "Cruise For Kids", where Orange County Sheriff Mike Carona, LA Police Chief William Bratton and Southland residents teamed up in a crusade against child abuse.

DOG RESCUE

October 28, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:53)

KCAL9 reporter Joel Connable reported live to update on Bruno the dog, the labrador rescued the day before, from his accidental trip down a lengthy portion of the LA river.

GET OUT THE VOTE

October 30, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 1:50)

KCAL9 reporter Christina Penza reported on how here in the Southland, both sides were making a final push to get out the vote.

RACIST FLYERS

October 31, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 2:14)

KCAL9 reporter Christina Penza reported on anti-immigrant flyers that were left outside the homes of some residents in a Simi Valley neighborhood.

VOTER TURNOUT

November 1, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 2:20)

KCAL9 reporter Suraya Fadel reported live from Norwalk where people were lined up for early voting, to talk about the expected voter turnout--more than 70% of California's registered voters were expected to go to the polls the following day.

VOTER REACTIONS

November 3, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 1:53)

KCAL9 reporter Suraya Fadel reported on the voter reactions—here in California, where Kerry won—to President Bush's victory in the election.

INDIANS AND GOVERNOR

November 4, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 2:13)

KCAL9 reporter Jennifer Davis reported on the anger of some California Indian leaders, who say Governor Schwarzenegger was wrong to accuse them of "cheating the state," and that he is stirring up racism by saying such things.

KKK RESTRAINING ORDER

November 4, 3-3:30pm newscast (TRT 2:10)

KCAL9 reporter Jaime Garza reported on a racist leaflet that was left on the doorstep of a Huntington Beach family's home--the family was reacting by asking the Orange County DA to file a restraining order against the Ku Klux Klan.

HOLLYWOOD PROTEST

November 6, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 1:40)

KCAL9 reporter Christina Penza reported that here in Hollywood, hundreds of war protesters jammed the intersection of Hollywood and Highland, bringing traffic to a standstill.

AFRICAN AMERICAN FILM FESTIVAL

November 6, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 0:30)

KCAL9 Anchor Dave Clark reported on the 11th Annual African-American Film Marketplace, held at Raleigh Studios in Hollywood. The three-day event helps emerging African-American filmmakers showcase their work, and get advice from the pros.

REVEREND MURRAY

November 7, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 0:50)

KCAL9 reporter Leyna Nguyen reported that Reverend Cecil Murray delivered his farewell sermon as senior pastor of First A.M.E. that day. He led the famous African-American church for more than a quarter of a century.

TUSKEEGEE AIRMEN ANNIVERSARY

November 7, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 0:30)

KCAL9 reporter Dave Clark reported that the surviving members of the Tuskeegee Airmen gathered in South Carolina that weekend to relive some of their experiences. They were the first black fighter pilots to serve in the US Military.

RONALD REAGAN STAMP

November 9, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 2:09)

KCAL9 reporter Jaime Garza reported live from Simi Valley, where the unveiling of the Ronald Reagan postage stamp took place that morning at the Reagan Library.

STRANDED HIKER

November 9, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 2:15)

KCAL9 reporter Suraya Fadel reported that a hiker in the Angeles National Forest was rescued that morning. He was hoisted to safety by an LA County Sheriff's helicopter.

VETERANS DAY

November 11, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 2:16)

KCAL9 reporter Juan Fernandez reported live from a candlelight vigil in Van Nuys, to talk about the Veterans Day events taking place that day, such as the first ever Veterans Day parade in the San Fernando Valley.

BUDDIES FUNERAL

November 11, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 2:34)

KCAL9 Anchor Pat Harvey reported on a funeral service in Fresno that paid tribute to two fallen Marines—casualties in the war in Irag—and told their story of unusual friendship, devotion, and sacrifice.

RESERVISTS RETURN

November 11, 3-3:30pm newscast (TRT 0:38)

KCAL9 reporter Jaime Garza reported live from LAX, to report on the homecoming of dozens of local Army Reservists that had been stationed in Kuwait.

LOCAL SOLDIER KILLED

November 14, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 2:05)

KCAL9 reporter Stacey Butler reported live from Canyon Country, where the community was mourning the loss of one of their own—a young soldier killed in action in the battle for Irag.

RUBY THE ELEPHANT

November 14, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 2:22)

KCAL9 reporter Christina Penza reported on the return of Ruby the elephant, who was back at Los Angeles Zoo that night. But animal activists worried that Ruby's return was only temporary.

BILLY GRAHAM CRUSADE

November 16, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:52)

KCAL9 reporter Dave Clark reported that evangelist Billy Graham was in Pasadena to begin his latest Christian Crusade, which would take place at the Rose Bowl. It was one of the largest religious gatherings in Southern California.

SEABEES PURPLE HEARTS

November 16, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 1:41)

KCAL9 reporter Jay Jackson reported that three sailors wounded in Iraq received purple hearts in a bittersweet awards ceremony, as the men remembered a friend who died in battle.

AGAINST THE WAR

November 18, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 1:40)

KCAL9 Inland Empire Reporter Craig Fiegener reported on one wife of a US Marine who used to be a strong supporter of the war in Iraq, but found that she became an anti-war activist. She is raising two children by herself in Temecula.

FOOTBALL CHAMPS

November 20, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 1:55)

KCAL9 Orange County Reporter Dave Lopez reported live from Mission Viejo with a story on the newly top-ranked junior midget football team on the West coast—the Santa Margarita Titans.

CANCER YARD SALE

November 20, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 2:14)

KCAL9 reporter Christina Penza reported on a special yard sale held that weekend by relatives and strangers—to help pay the medical bills of one cancer victim who didn't have health insurance.

KING DREW CLOSING

November 23, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 3:05)

KCAL9 reporter Dave Clark reported that despite protests, LA County Supervisors voted to close the trauma unit at King Drew Medical Center, located in the King Drew Hospital in Willowbrook.

MISSION THANKSGIVING

November 24, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 2:01)

KCAL9 reporter Angela Chee reported on the Thanksgiving Day meal for the homeless, at the Los Angeles Mission.

MCDONALD HOUSE REHAB

November 26, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 2:06)

KCAL9 Orange County Reporter Michele Gile reported on the renovation of the Ronald McDonald House in Orange. After 15 years serving 7,000 families, they received a huge renovation from a group of interior designers.

FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS

November 26, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 1:43)

KCAL9 reporter Greg Mills reported live from Riverside's Mission Inn at the Festival of Lights ceremony, where they lit two-and-a-half million lights.

COFFEE HOUSE/BURGER

November 26, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 2:03)

KCAL9 reporter Mark Coogan reported on some West Hollywood residents' fight to save a long-time burger stand. There was a move to tear it down to make room for another coffee shop.

SOLDIER RETURNS

November 26, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 2:07)

KCAL9 reporter Jennifer Sabih reported live from Carson with the details on a local airman that was returning to Iraq for the third time.

MORTAR ROUNDS FOUND

November 26, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 2:02)

KCAL9 Orange County Reporter Dave Lopez reported live from Garden Grove on the chilling discovery of some explosives that were found in a garage there--which led to the neighborhood getting evacuated.

GIFT OF LIFE

November 29, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 3:11)

KCAL9 Anchor Linda Alvarez reported an update on the couple who made the controversial decision fifteen years ago of having another baby, in order to save the life of their dying teenager.

STRIP CLUBS

November 29, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:47)

KCAL9 reporter Leyna Nguyen reported on the prevalence of strip clubs in City of Industry—it has one strip club for every 130 residents. The Industry City Council wanted to change that.

VIRGIN OF GUADALUPE

November 29, 3-3:30pm newscast (TRT 0:45)

KCAL9 Anchor Mia Lee reported that in East LA, organizers displayed an exact digital replica of the Virgin of Guadalupe's image that miraculously appeared on the cloak of Saint Juan Diego.

FOOTBALL TEAM

November 30, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 0:33)

KCAL9 Anchor Pat Harvey reported that the Santa Margarita Titans in Orange County were headed to Florida to compete in the National Championships—they were the top-ranked Junior Midget football team on the West coast.

THE AIDS WALL

December 1, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 2:06)

KCAL9 reporter Lora McLaughlin reported on the unveiling of the first publicly funded AIDS monument in the nation, right here in Los Angeles.

9/11 FIREMAN/IRAQ

December 1, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 2:57)

KCAL9 Anchor Pat Harvey reported a story of a man people were calling "the ultimate patriot"—New York City firefighter Christian Engeldrum. He volunteered to go to the war zone with the Army National Guard. He was killed in Iraq earlier that week.

NEW TRAUMA CENTER

December 1, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 1:52)

KCAL9 reporter Jennifer Sabih reported live from downtown LA with details on one trauma center closing and another one opening, and how it would affect thousands of emergency room patients.

CAPISTRANO SCHOOL

December 2, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 2:15)

KCAL9 reporter Orange County Reporter Dave Lopez reported that the Capistrano School Board made the decision not to close three elementary schools, after emotional protests by the parents. However the budget crisis was still an issue.

FIREFIGHTERS HIRING

December 3, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 1:55)

KCAL9 reporter Jay Jackson reported that the Los Angeles County Fire Department has attracted thousands of new applicants, all hoping for the chance to become an LA County firefighter.

GANG MARCH

December 4, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 0:40)

KCAL9 reporter Dave Clark reported that in the Sepulveda Recreation Area that day, the "San Fernando Valley Coalition on Gangs" sponsored a peace march, followed by a softball tournament between

present and former gang members, county probation officers, and LAPD officers.

VIRGIN OF GUADALUPE

December 4, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 0:18)

KCAL9 reporter Leyna Nguyen reported that the annual procession in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe took place in East LA that afternoon. Cardinal Roger Mahony led the religious march, which began along Cesar Chavez Ave. and ended at Los Angeles College Stadium.

DEPUTIES PAY

December 6, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 2:10)

KCAL9 reporter Mark Coogan reported details on the dispute regarding LA County Sheriff's deputies' pay. They have been working without a contract or a pay raise for several years. The union claims the county has the money to settle the dispute, but the county insists it's not in the budget.

GAY MARRIAGE

December 6, 3-3:30pm newscast (TRT 0:28)

KCAL9 reporter Leyna Nguyen reported that Assemblyman Mark Leno said he would re-introduce a bill in Sacramento that day, to redefine marriage as "between two persons" (as opposed to "between man and woman"), in an effort to legalize same sex marriage in California.

VALLEY DONATIONS

December 7, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:52)

KCAL9 reporter Leyna Nguyen reported live from Woodland Hills, from one of the toy drop-off locations for the "Chips for Kids" Toy Drive. Hundreds upon hundreds of toys were being dropped off.

PASADENA LADIES

December 10, 3-3:30pm newscast (TRT 0:35)

KCAL9 Anchor Mia Lee reported on a women's group that has gotten together one night a week for 15 years, to knit blankets for those less fortunate. They've made 415 blankets, and also baby clothes and sweaters.

CHRISTMAS PARADE

December 11, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 0:52)

KCAL9 reporter Leyna Nguyen reported that the "Parade of Wonders" took place in Compton that day. Hundreds of people lined the streets, dozens of local school bands brought music to the event, and KCAL9's Dave Clark was Grand Marshal.

9/11 MEMORIAL

December 11, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 0:30)

KCAL9 reporter Leyna Nguyen reported that a memorial was dedicated to the victims of 9/11 that day, at Fire Station 88 in Sherman Oaks. Station 88's "Urban Search and Rescue Team" was the first from outside New York to arrive at the attack site three years ago.

SWEET ALICE CHRISTMAS

December 16, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 0:31)

KCAL9 reporter Jaime Garza reported that Sweet Alice Harris—the matriarch of Watts—was throwing her annual community Christmas party that day. 70-year-old Sweet Alice gives gifts and food to those less fortunate, each year.

UCI TOY DRIVE

December 17, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 0:33)

KCAL9 Anchor Dave Gonzalez reported that 3,000 people were expected at the 10th Anniversary Toy Drive and Holiday Party at U.C. Irvine's Family Health Center. Ten years ago the clinic staff learned that many of their young patients wouldn't be receiving gifts for the holidays, so they took action.

SANTA LETTER WISHES

December 22, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:00)

KCAL9 Anchor Pat Harvey reported that Coca Cola and other businesses teamed up to answer letters to Santa. Santa brought a Christmas tree, gifts and fixings for holiday dinner to a home in Watts.

GAY MARRIAGE

December 22, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 2:03)

KCAL9 Anchor Sylvia Lopez reported that after the State Supreme Court ordered San Francisco to stop marrying same sex couples, gays and lesbians are seeking to overturn that law.

TAMALE RUN

December 23, 3-3:30pm newscast (TRT 1:55)

KCAL9 Anchor Mia Lee reported on a Christmas tradition, long lines outside of Liliana's Tamales in East LA. The kitchen is producing a thousand tamales an hour for customers who buy them by the bagful.

KING DREW UPDATE

December 30, 9-9pm newscast (TRT:29)

KCAL9 Anchor Mia Lee reported that the King Drew Medical Center is one step closer to losing millions in federal funding after failing an inspection. Reviewers found that workers are still unable to follow proper procedures for subduing psychiatric patients.

MOUNT ST. HELENS

October 1, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:30)

KCAL9 Anchor David Jackson reported that Mount St. Helens erupted that day, much like scientists anticipated it would.

DEER IN BEVERLY HILLS

October 1, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:36)

KCAL9 reporter Greg Mills reported live from Beverly Hills, where a lost deer was spotted running near Wilshire Blvd. that day. Police were called to corral the animal.

ERUPTION/ST. HELENS

October 4, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 1:58)

KCAL9 Anchor Sylvia Lopez reported that just days after Mount St. Helens erupted, scientists say that the data points to an even bigger explosion in the next couple of days.

SPACESHIP ONE

October 4, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 2:12)

KCAL9 Inland Empire reporter Craig Fiegener reported on the successful flight of "Spaceship One" that day. Two flights in two weeks in a reusable spacecraft, opens the door to possible tourist flights in space.

MT. SAINT HELENS

October 6, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 0:34)

KCAL9 Anchor Pat Harvey reported that scientists were downgrading a volcano advisory at Mount St. Helens. The alert level was lowered from Level Three, to Two.

NORCAL SHARK ATTACK

October 11, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 0:58)

KCAL9 anchor David Jackson reported on a Northern California surfer who was recovering from a shark attack at Point Reyes National Seashore north of San Francisco. The Great White shark bit the man on the leg.

METEORITE FALLS

October 12, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 0:30)

KCAL9 Anchor Pat Harvey reported on a meteorite that landed in someone's yard in a Colorado town the previous week. Scientists say it's more than four billion years old.

MOUNT ST. HELENS

October 12, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 0:40)

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that scientists were saying that a new lava dome was growing inside the mountain--a sign that the volcano could soon erupt.

TAIWAN QUAKE

October 15, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 0:30)

KCAL9 reporter Jaime Garza reported on a strong earthquake in the Pacific Ocean that rocked Taiwan. The 6.7 magnitude quake rocked skyscrapers in Taipei, and caused the subway system to be shut down.

WEEKEND RAIN

October 15, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 2:20)

KCAL9 reporter Jennifer Sabih reported that forecasters were calling for quite a bit of rain in the following days. The start of the "official rainy season" began that day.

SHARK WARNING

October 15, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 0:30)

KCAL9 Anchor Pat Harvey reported that shark sightings have shut down Avila Beach in Central California. This after a shark attack a few days prior shut down the beaches of Point Reyes National Seashore in Northern California.

BOBCAT SIGHTING

October 18, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 0:35)

KCAL9 Anchor David Jackson reported that a San Bernardino neighborhood resident caught a bobcat on tape the day before. Animal Control officials warn people to be on alert and keep an eye on their pets.

BURN AREAS

October 18, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 1:40)

KCAL9 reporter Rick Chambers reported on mudslide danger areas in Claremont. Barren hillsides (caused by wildfires last fall) are now at the mercy of mudslides.

METRO RAIN

October 18, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 1:50)

KCAL9 reporter Dave Clark reported live from Long Beach, with "Storm Watch" coverage on the rain and the inconvenience it caused.

RANCHO CUCAMONGA

October 20, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:28)

KCAL9 reporter Greg Mills reported live from Rancho Cucamonga for "Storm Watch" coverage, talking about more flooding in the Inland Empire.

EL NINO/JPL

October 20, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:37)

KCAL9 reporter Jennifer Sabih reported live from Pasadena to talk about how scientists at JPL were studying new images of Pacific waters, trying to figure out if El Nino was to blame for the early wet weather.

WEEKEND WEATHER

October 22, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:45)

KCAL9 reporter Lora McLaughlin reported on how people were trying to stay warm--although the rain was gone for the time being, it was getting cold at night.

JAPAN EARTHQUAKES

October 23, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 0:30)

KCAL9 anchor Dave Clark reported on a powerful earthquake and its aftershocks that hit northern Japan, where at least 13 people were killed, hundreds were injured. The quakes tore apart roads and derailed trains.

BIG BEAR

October 26, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 1:54)

KCAL9 Inland Empire reporter Craig Fiegener reported for "Storm Watch" coverage, on how some places like Big Bear were expected to get snow.

FRAZIER PARK

October 26, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 1:35)

KCAL9 reporter Juan Fernandez reported live from Frazier Park, where it had been raining and snowing that day. There were gusting winds, and the possibility of flash floods and mudslides later that night.

NEWHALL FLOODING

October 26, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 1:26)

KCAL9 reporter Leyna Nguyen reported live from Santa Clarita, where there was flooding problems, as a fast-moving Arctic storm was taking aim at the Southland. Rain, snow and high winds were expected throughout the night.

BEACH REPORT CARD

October 28, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 0:40)

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported on the latest annual Beach Report Card that was released. "Heal the Bay" found that LA County has some of the worst water quality in Southern California. One of the biggest trouble spots is Cabrillo Beach.

WEST HOLLYWOOD QUAKE

October 30, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 0:45)

KCAL9 anchor Leyna Nguyen reported on a mild earthquake (2.7 magnitude) that occurred that morning, centered about one mile northeast of West Hollywood.

INLAND EMPIRE WINDS

November 1, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 1:38)

KCAL9 Inland Empire reporter Craig Fiegener reported live from Ontario to talk about the blustery wind all over the Southland that day—especially in the Inland Empire.

MOUNTAIN LION TRAP

November 4, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 1:59)

KCAL9 reporter Rich Chambers reported live from Riverside, where a mountain lion was seen wandering around a neighborhood near Cook Avenue, North of Tyler Street.

RAIN VALLEY

November 11, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 1:53)

KCAL9 reporter Lisa Sigell reported about the scattered rain around the Southland that day.

BIG BEAR QUAKE

November 13, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 0:21)

KCAL9 reporter Leyna Nguyen reported that there was an earthquake at Big Bear that morning. It was a Magnitude 4.2 quake, and there were no reports of damage or injuries.

FONTANA QUAKE

November 14, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 0:25)

KCAL9 reporter Leyna Nguyen reported on a small earthquake that hit that morning, Northeast of Fontana and Southwest of Devore, near the bottom of the Cajon Pass.

PLATFORM GAS LEAK

November 18, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 0:40)

KCAL9 Anchor Sylvia Lopez reported that dozens of workers were rescued by the Coast Guard, from a potentially deadly gas leak on an oil platform off the coast of Port Hueneme.

FOX HUNTING

November 18, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 1:55)

KCAL9 reporter Joel Connable reported that legislators in Britain invoked a rarely used law to put a ban on fox hunting, which is a centuries old tradition. The law outlaws fox hunting in England and Wales.

COSTA RICA QUAKE

November 20, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 0:27)

KCAL9 Anchor Dave Clark reported that a powerful earthquake hit Costa Rica that morning. The Magnitude 6.2 quake killed 8 people—most of them were frightened by the shaking and suffered heart attacks. 500 homes were damaged, as well as major highways and water towers.

DOLPHINS SAVE SWIMMER

November 24, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 0:53)

KCAL9 Anchor Mia Lee reported that some dolphins off the coast of New Zealand were being credited with saving a group of swimmers from a 10-foot Great White shark who could have attacked—but the pod of dolphins approached, herded the people into a group, and kept circling.

LONG BEACH RABID BAT

November 24, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 0:46)

KCAL9 Anchor Mia Lee reported that public health officials were urging Southern Californians to watch out for bats, because one found in Long Beach tested positive for rabies. Bats are the number one carrier of rabies in California.

WEATHER/TRAVEL

November 24, 3-3:30pm newscast (TRT 1:12)

KCAL9 reporter Gary Nurenberg reported on the troublesome weather stalling travel in many parts of the country, amidst the holiday travel rush.

DRAINAGE RESCUE

November 26, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 0:59)

KCAL9 Anchor Kerry Kilbride reported an update on the Malibu woman who spent 13 hours in knee-deep water, after having fallen 40 feet down a steep drainage pipe near PCH. Firefighters rescued her, and she only suffered a few minor injuries.

FATAL TREE UPDATE

November 29, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 1:53)

KCAL9 reporter Jay Jackson gave an update on the weekend's freak accident—a woman who took a wrong turn, ended up having a tree fall over on her car and kill her.

BEE ATTACK

November 29, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 2:25)

KCAL9 Orange County Reporter Dave Lopez reported on a cocker spaniel that had stuck his nose into a bee hive, getting stung by dozens of bees as a result.

METRO COLD

November 30, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 1:46)

KCAL9 reporter Glen Walker reported on the cold temperatures that had settled over Southern California from the valleys to the coast—it was said that more temperature records would be broken that night.

COLD WEATHER

December 1, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 1:42)

KCAL9 reporter Angela Chee reported some tips for staying warm on the cold days, as temperatures in many Southern California cities were down to the 20's and 30's.

RAIN AND ACCIDENTS

December 5, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 1:39)

KCAL9 reporter Greg Mills reported live from Sylmar with "Storm Watch" coverage. Southern California was cold, wet and treacherous with rain, wind and snow.

COLD WEATHER

December 6, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 1:24)

KCAL9 reporter Suraya Fadel reported live from Wrightwood where there were happy skiers and snowboarders--while we were getting rain in the lower parts of Southern California that weekend, those clouds dumped a ton of snow up in the mountains.

COLD WEATHER/RAIN

December 7, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:44)

KCAL9 reporter Stacey Butler reported live from the National Weather Service center in Oxnard, to talk about the rainstorm that was on its way.

RAIN TONIGHT

December 7, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:24)

KCAL9 reporter Lisa Sigell reported live from Pasadena to talk about the rainstorm moving into Southern California, which would hit strongly later that night.

HOT WEATHER/LONG BEACH SNOW

December 11, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 2:05)

KCAL9 reporter Christina Penza reported about the warm weather that day, which was a welcome surprise after the past few weekends of cold. Also, some beachgoers actually found snow instead of sand.

DAMAGING WINDS

December 16, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 1:59)

KCAL9 reporter Suraya Fadel reported live from Ontario, on the major Santa Ana wind storm that was blowing through Southern California. High winds were making roads especially dangerous. In some places, gusts were more than 50 miles per hour.

INLAND EMPIRE WINDS

December 17, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 2:33)

KCAL9 reporter Suraya Fadel reported from Rancho Cucamonga, about the windy conditions there. Strong winds were blowing throughout Southern California again that day, and some areas had high wind warnings.

CELL PHONE LOT

December 20, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:37)

KCAL9 reporter Glen Walker reported live that LAX is catering to cell phone users who are meeting people at the airport. They've designed a special lot for them to wait for an arriving flight.

IE WINDS

December 22, 2-3pm newscast (TRT:45)

KCAL9 reporter Jaime Garza reported that high wind watches were in effect for may parts of southern California. The Inland Empire was one of the hardest hit areas.

HIGH WINDS

December 23, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 1:53)

KCAL9 reporter Mia Lee reported that high wind warnings are up from San Diego to Ventura Counties. Gusts could get as high as 70 miles per hour in some areas and will make traffic difficult this holiday weekend.

CAN IT HAPPEN HERE?

December 27, 10-11PM newscast (TRT 2:42)

KCAL9 reporter Lisa Sigell reported on the prospect of Tsunamis taking place in Southern California. Southern California is on the opposite end of what is known as the "ring of fire."

INGLEWOOD DAMAGE

December 29, 9-10PM newscast (TRT 2:31)

KCAL9 reporter Mark Coogan reported that tornado winds whipped through parts of Southwestern Los Angeles. Crews worked all day long to repair a storm damaged home.

NIGHT RAIN

December 30, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 1:30)

KCAL9 reporter Stacy Butler reported that a storm was headed to southern California after delivering a wallop to Northern California.

EDUCATION AND YOUTH

FATAL H.S. RACING

October 1, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:51)

KCAL9 reporter Stacey Butler reported live from the scene of a racing accident in La Tuna Canyon that left two high school students dead and a third in critical condition.

SCHOOL STRANGER

October 2, 9-10pm newscast TRT (0:29)

KCAL9 anchor Leyna Nguyen reported an update regarding the previous month's intruder at Thomas Edison Elementary School. A composite sketch was released of the man who attempted to kidnap a girl, by telling school administrators he was there to pick up his niece.

SLUDGE SCHOOL REOPENS

October 6, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 1:55)

KCAL9 reporter Jay Jackson reported live from Cudahy, where Park Avenue Elementary School was finally reopened. The school was closed for two years to clear away tens of thousands of tons of contaminated soil from the site.

H.S RACE MEMORIAL

October 6, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 1:36)

KCAL9 reporter Jaime Garza reported live from Sun Valley, where a memorial was taking place for two teens, who died after a street race in La Tuna Canyon.

ELEMENTARY EVACUATION

October 7, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 0:20)

KCAL9 anchor Sylvia Lopez reported on a bomb scare at Columbia Elementary School, in Perris. Hundreds of kids were forced to leave classes after a nine-year-old boy brought an improvised explosive device on campus. The Bomb Squad detonated the device.

SCHOOL WARNING

October 7, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 2:47)

KCAL9 reporter Sandra Mitchell reported on a warning for schools, after a computer disc was found in Iraq detailing crisis planning in six US school districts, including San Diego Unified.

SCHOOL THREATS

October 8, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 2:06)

KCAL9 reporter Glen Walker reported live from La Puente on how Federal authorities were downplaying the potential terrorist threat to schools in several states, including California.

KIDS/CHRONIC FATIGUE

October 11, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 0:22)

KCAL9 Health reporter Dilva Henry reported on a new study published in the "British Medical Journal", which shows that active children grow into energized adults. The British researchers found that when kids get regular exercise, they are less likely to get chronic fatigue as adults.

PEDIATRIC DONATION

October 11, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 0:21)

KCAL9 Health reporter Dilva Henry reported that children at California Hospital in downtown LA were treated to a special reading of the New York Times best-seller, "The Jester Has Lost His Jingle," read to them by the mother of the book's author.

WALK TO SCHOOL

October 12, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 2:57)

KCAL9 Orange County reporter Dave Lopez reported live from Westminster on a new campaign underway to help save children's lives—more than two dozen kids have died in pedestrian crashes in Orange County, and thus one mother has turned her grief into activism.

AMBASSADOR HOTEL

October 12, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 2:07)

KCAL9 reporter Jennifer Sabih reported on the latest in the fight over the Ambassador Hotel. Members of the LAUSD School Board voted to tear down most of the historic hotel to build new classrooms.

CHARTER SCHOOL

October 14, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 1:49)

KCAL9 reporter Angela Chee reported that hundreds of angry parents and students were demanding to know why county education officials were shutting down two charter schools.

SCHOOL SCORES

October 14, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 0:44)

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that schools across the country are under the gun to make sure standardized test scores make the grade. Two years ago, Wilson Elementary School in Cost Mesa was put on a federal watch list, but now their scores are up and the school is on an improved list.

CHARTER SCHOOL

October 15, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 0:38)

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported on how "Progressive Education Entrepreneurial Charter School" shut its doors for good, causing hundreds of parents to find a new school for their children.

ROSE COURT NAMED

October 18, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 0:32)

KCAL9 anchor David Jackson reported that the young women for the Tournament of Roses Royal Court were named that day. The seven were selected from nearly 1,000 young women who participated in the three-week process to select the court.

STUDENTS VOTE/OVERNIGHT

October 18, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 0:55)

KCAL9 anchor Sylvia Lopez reported that some University of Colorado students camped out outside their polling place in the cold temperatures, to take part in early voting for the Presidential election.

UNINSURED CHILDREN

October 22, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 2:04)

KCAL9 reporter Jay Jackson reported on a new program that could help uninsured children whose families can't afford health insurance. The new program means thousands of uninsured children are now able to get health coverage.

OC SCHOOL CLOSED

October 22, 3-4pm newscast (TRT 2:03)

KCAL9 reporter Christina Penza reported live from Esperanza High School in Anaheim, where school officials from Mabel Paine Elementary were moving to temporary classrooms. This after heavy rain turned their school grounds into a muddy mess.

OC SCHOOL CLOSED/MOVING

October 22, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 0:42)

KCAL9 anchor David Jackson reported on the Anaheim elementary school being moved, after being displaced by that week's storm. Desks and equipment were moved into temporary classrooms at

Esperanza High School, while teachers and parents helped prepare the new facilities.

FLU MIST FOR KIDS

October 28, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 0:29)

KCAL9 Health reporter Dilva Henry reported on another option for families to fight the flu next year. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has added "Flu-Mist" to its Vaccines for Children Program. It can be taken as an alternative to the shots.

FLU SHOTS/KIDS

October 29, 8-9pm newscast (0:25)

KCAL9 anchor David Jackson reported good news for babies and toddlers-- LA County Health Officials announced they now have enough flu vaccine to cover 100-thousand young children.

SCHOOL CONTROVERSY

November 1, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 2:00)

KCAL9 reporter Juan Fernandez reported live from Torrance on the controversy of the school district placing a campus for mentally disturbed children on the grounds of a local elementary school.

STUDENT VOTING

November 1, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 1:46)

KCAL9 reporter Brianna Keilar reported that America's college students are paying closer attention to the Electoral College system and exactly how it works.

SCHOOL SAFETY VALETS

November 4, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 1:46)

KCAL9 reporter Suraya Fadel reported on a new safety program having to do with the traffic around schools—there has been growing concern about children's safety as they try to enter and leave school each day.

GARFIELD/ROOSEVELT

November 4, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 2:04)

KCAL9 reporter Jay Jackson reported live from East LA, where coaches, players and fans from Garfield and Roosevelt High Schools were getting hyped up for the weekend's annual, "East Los Angeles Classic," which began in 1926.

MYSTERY CANDIDATE

November 7, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 1:51)

KCAL9 reporter Sandra Hernandez reported live from Santa Ana to talk about Orange County's "mystery candidate"—he won in a large school board race, yet no one seemed to know who he was.

FOOTBALL ACCIDENT

November 11, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 1:55)

KCAL9 reporter Greg Mills reported an update on the La Verne High School football player who was seriously injured in a game the previous Friday.

GYMNASTICS GIRL

November 11, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 0:32)

KCAL9 Anchor Pat Harvey reported on two angry parents, vowing to fight all the way to the Supreme Court if necessary—their daughter loves to do cartwheels and handstands, and officials at San Jose Edison Academy in West Covina suspended her because she would not stop when they asked her to.

TEEN PROSTITUTES

November 18, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 2:50)

KCAL Anchor Pat Harvey reported on the horrible problem of teen prostitutes. Tijuana is a key distribution center from which young prostitutes are shipped all over the US. Americans make up much of the clientele looking for teen prostitutes, and even younger.

MISSING JUVENILE

November 18, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 0:42)

KCAL9 Anchor Pat Harvey reported an update on the 15-year-old Alyssa Russell of Rancho Cucamonga, who went missing earlier that week and still had not been found.

FOOTBALL CHAMPS

November 20, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 1:55)

KCAL9 Orange County Reporter Dave Lopez reported live from Mission Viejo with a story on the newly top-ranked junior midget football team on the West coast—the Santa Margarita Titans.

OPERATION DECOY

November 20, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 1:47)

KCAL9 reporter Stacey Butler reported that state and local officials were cracking down on liquor stores selling alcohol to minors, with "Operation Decoy," where teenagers pose as customers. They found that many locations sold alcohol to the teens.

ADOPTION DAY

November 20, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 0:43)

KCAL9 reporter Dave Clark reported on "National Adoption Day". Nearly 200 children's adoptions were finalized that day.

KIDS/THANKSGIVING

November 24, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 2:26)

KCAL9 Orange County Reporter Michele Gile reported live from Garden Grove, about an OC elementary school's tradition of recreating the "first" Thanksgiving, portraying pilgrims and Native Americans in a fun reenactment.

SCHOOL STABBING

November 24, 3-4pm newscast (TRT 0:39)

KCAL9 Anchor Mia Lee reported that a 15-year-old student armed with two knives stabbed eight classmates that morning, at a high school in Valparaiso, Indiana.

HEART GIRL

November 26, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 1:47)

KCAL9 Orange County Reporter Dave Lopez visited with a 14-year-old Mission Viejo girl and her family. She had a very special Thanksgiving holiday, after coming through a heart transplant with flying colors.

SWEET SURRENDER

November 29, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 3:28)

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported on the Safely Surrendered Baby Law, which allows distressed parents to give up their newborn confidentially to any LA County emergency room or fire station within three days of birth. The story also featured two-year-old Nadia Groomes, one of the very first safely surrendered babies in LA, adopted just weeks after her birth.

SCHOOL CLOSURES

November 29, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 2:29)

KCAL9 reporter Juan Fernandez reported live from San Juan Capistrano, where many people were upset about a move to close three elementary schools in their school district. Hundreds of parents packed a public meeting at school district headquarters to voice their concern.

RAFFLE HOME WINNERS

November 30, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 2:06)

KCAL9 Orange County Reporter Michele Gile reported on a raffle in which Irvine public schools were a big winner. Some Irvine Property owners came out on top, obtaining their \$600,000 condominium for just \$200.

HIGH SCHOOL SHAQ

December 1, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 2:30)

KCAL9 reporter Dave Clark reported live from Watts, where a young basketball prodigy is said to have the potential to be the next Shaq O'Neill. Auri Allen is only 14 years old, but is 6' 11" and weights 290 pounds. Allen is a student at Verbum Dei High School in Watts.

STUDENTS ATTACK

December 1, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 2:02)

KCAL9 reporter Bernard Choi reported on three high school students in Washington state, who allegedly planned to take over their school and go on a killing spree. The two boys and a girl were members of the junior ROTC.

CAPISTRANO SCHOOL

December 2, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 2:15)

KCAL9 Orange County reporter Dave Lopez reported that the Capistrano School Board decided not to close three elementary schools—but they'll still have to deal with the budget crisis.

ABSTINENCE ONLY

December 3, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 0:24)

KCAL9 Health Reporter Dilva Henry reported that an analysis of children's sex education revealed that children might be receiving inaccurate and misleading information. California Congressman Henry Waxman led the analysis and said he was outraged by the findings.

WINTER WONDERLAND

December 6, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 1:43)

KCAL9 reporter Jay Jackson reported live from Elysian Park on the fun activities that hundreds of local youngsters were enjoying that afternoon. The holiday party featured many activities, including playing in the snow.

KIDS AND SUPPLEMENTS

December 7, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 1:52)

KCAL9 Health reporter Dilva Henry reported that many children may not be getting enough of the important nutrients they need, and as a result more and more parents are turning to supplements.

25,000 TEACHER AWARD

December 8, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 1:56)

KCAL9 Orange County Reporter Dave Lopez reported live from the city of Orange, to talk about an Orange County teacher who was one of four California teachers to receive a \$25,000 award from the Milken Family Foundation.

14-YEAR-OLD RAPE ARRAIGNMENT

December 10, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 2:06)

KCAL9 reporter Sandra Mitchell reported on the debate over whether 14-year-old Jose Avina of Orange County should be tried as an adult. Prosecutors say he raped two younger boys, and also robbed another boy.

TEEN DRIVING

December 12, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 3:46)

KCAL9 reporter Dave Clark reported on the nationwide epidemic of teen driving deaths, highlighting a few recent teen deaths. Parents' involvement is essential.

SCHOOL KIDS HEALTH

December 14, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 1:55)

KCAL9 reporter Jay Jackson reported live from Los Angeles, to report that parents and teachers at a local elementary school were worried about the health of their children—they claimed a nearby chromeplating plant was releasing dangerous chemicals.

CHP TOY MOTORCADE

December 15, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 0:42)

KCAL9 reporter Jennifer Davis reported that "Santa" went to visit the kids at Tenth Street Elementary School in downtown LA, delivering presents to hundreds of children. Many of the gifts were from the KCAL/KCBS "Chips for Kids Toy Drive".

KIDSPACE MUSEUM

December 16, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 1:30)

KCAL9 reporter Carter Evans reported on the opening of "Kidspace Museum" in Pasadena--LA County's only museum for children. Hundreds of school children joined local dignitaries for the celebration.

URBAN LEAGUE AUTO GRAD

December 16, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 0:35)

KCAL9 reporter Sandra Mitchell reported that more than 70 students

graduated that day from the Urban League's Automotive Training Center in the Crenshaw District. The school opened 11 years ago, and is part of the League's effort to assist unemployed and underemployed people get marketable skills.

PHONE CARDS

December 17, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 2:07)

KCAL9 Orange County Reporter Michele Gile reported that students at an elementary school on Camp Pendleton received a very special Christmas gift—the chance to talk to their moms or dads who are serving in Iraq.

SCHOOL BEING CLOSED

December 17, 3-3:30pm newscast (TRT 1:39)

KCAL9 reporter Jaime Garza reported live from downtown Los Angeles with details on a Southland school shutting down that day. Angry parents were protesting, because they just found out about the closing the day before.

32 KID CHRISTMAS

December 24, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 2:22)

KCAL9 photojournalist Robert Pastoriza showed us the joy of the holidays through the eyes of children, at a very special Christmas dinner for a southland family with 32 kids.

CHILDHOOD POISINING

December 24, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 2:22)

KCAL9 Health Reporter Dilva Henry reported that children could get into all sorts of things that could poison them during the holiday time. Henry offered a few tips to keep your kids safe.

CHILD RUNS CHARITY

December 29, 8-9pm newscast (TRT:57)

KCAL9 anchor Mia Lee reported on a 13-year-old girl who runs her own charity to help babies. Sarah Wolfson has been collecting toys and blankets for kids at the USC Violence Intervention program since she was six.

PRESCHOOL OBESITY

December 31, 12-1pm newscast (TRT:21)

KCAL9 reporter Jamie Garza reported that one in every ten children between the ages of 2 and 5 were obese in 2002. Researchers blame inactivity, poor diet and junk food advertising aimed at kids.

CONSUMER AND ECONOMICS

HOME HEATING HINTS

October 1, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 1:10)

KCAL9 Anchor Mia Lee reported some tips to help minimize your home heating expenses. For example, twice a year, drain the hot water heater to get rid of the sediment on the bottom—it could take another 10% off your bill.

DAYCARE RECALLS

October 4, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 0:51)

KCAL9 reporter Leyna Nguyen reported on the problem that over the years, several children have died in daycare centers, all because of recalled products. Only a few states require daycare centers to verify that they're not using recalled products.

PAWN SHOP GOLD

October 4, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 2:00)

KCAL9 Money Reporter Alan Mendelson reported that the price of gold was moving up in the past few weeks, and if you're wondering how much your gold jewelry could be worth, the answers could be found at a pawn shop.

PARKING METERS

October 12, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 1:56)

KCAL9 Money reporter Alan Mendelson reported on a new parking meter system that takes credit cards. This can help when people are at a parking meter but don't have the coins they need.

LATEST MLK TROUBLES

October 12, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 1:57)

KCAL9 reporter Angela Chee reported live from Willowbrook, where the county is threatening to close down a trauma center. The Medical Center has had complaints about poor patient care, and just had another death, similar to three cases last year.

CDC FLU

October 12, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 1:52)

KCAL9 reporter Paul Dandridge reported live from Encino where dozens of people were lined up all day for a chance to get the flu shot. The Centers for Disease Control were working with a pharmaceutical company to ship more vaccine doses to areas with high need.

GAS PRICES

October 12, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:54)

KCAL9 reporter Joel Connable reported on the reasons for the record gas prices hit in Southern California for the month of October. The average price for regular in the Southland was \$2.35 a gallon.

ELECTRIC WEB

October 15, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 2:08)

KCAL9 Money reporter Alan Mendelson reported on a new internet system. It is described as another "on ramp" which will mean more competition and maybe lower rates for the web.

VOTING MACHINES TEST

October 15, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 1:29)

KCAL9 Inland Empire reporter Craig Fiegener reported on a test being conducted in San Bernardino by election officials. It tests to see how reliable the touch-screen voting machines really are.

STOCKS/POLITICS

October 18, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 2:03)

KCAL9 Money reporter Alan Mendelson reported on how taxes and social security—two of the big money issues in the Presidential election—could affect your money in the stock market.

GAS PRICES

October 18, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:31)

KCAL9 reporter Greg Mills reported live from Brea on the fact that gasoline prices hit a new record in LA and Orange Counties. California was experiencing the highest prices anywhere in the country.

GAS BUDGETS

October 22, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 2:01)

KCAL9 Money reporter Alan Mendelson reported on gasoline pump prices reaching a record high of approximately nine cents a gallon in the last week.

HOLIDAY SPENDING

October 22, 8-9 pm newscast (TRT 2:11)

KCAL9 reporter Jaime Garza reported about people being ready to spend a lot of money, as the Christmas shopping season had already begun—even before Halloween.

TOMATO SHORTAGE

October 26, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 1:54)

KCAL9 Money reporter Alan Mendelson reported on the prices of items like pizza, spaghetti sauce and salsa going up over the next few weeks. The weather, gasoline prices and a shortage of tomatoes are to blame.

FLIGHT 587 REPORT

October 26, 2-3 pm newscast (TRT 1:57)

KCAL9 reporter Bianca Solorzano reported on the revelation from the National Transportation Safety Board, that the deadly airline crash in a New York City neighborhood just weeks after 9-11, was actually the co-pilot's fault.

CHECK 21

October 28, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:57)

KCAL9 reporter Suraya Fadel reported live from Arcadia, on a new bank checking system that went into effect that day. A warning to consumers to be careful not to wind up with a lot of bounced checks.

BOEING 737 WARNING

October 28, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 0:53)

KCAL9 Anchor Kerry Kilbride reported on a warning of a potential safety hazard on the world's most widely-used passenger plane, the Boeing 737—scratches on the fuselage could get deeper over time, and eventually damage joints. The FAA inspected eighty planes, finding that fifty had potentially dangerous scratches.

ELECTION IMPACT

November 1, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 0:25)

KCAL9 Money reporter Alan Mendelson reported on the possible impact on the stock market, as traders await the result of the next day's election.

BOGUS WEIGHT LOSS

November 9, 3-3:30pm newscast (TRT 1:50)

KCAL9 reporter Julie Vallese reported that the Federal Trade Commission was taking action that day, against companies that promise weight-loss miracles, but never deliver.

LAX NEAR MISS

November 9, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 1:55)

KCAL9 reporter Glen Walker reported on an animation released by the National Transportation Safety Board, of a "near miss" that happened in August, when an airliner was cleared to land on a runway being used by another jet ready to take off.

HOLIDAY SHOPPING

November 11, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 1:59)

KCAL9 Orange County Reporter Michele Gile reported live from Corona Del Mar, where some holiday shoppers were getting an early start. She offered some gift ideas for young children.

BUSINESS SLOWDOWN

November 11, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 1:58)

KCAL9 Money Reporter Alan Mendelson warned that as people start to make their holiday shopping budget, they should be prepared to pay more for a lot of things.

DMV TRAVEL TAX

November 16, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:58)

KCAL9 reporter Greg Mills reported on a controversial state proposal to place a tax on every mile people in California drive.

LEAVING CALIFORNIA

November 18, 3-3:30pm newscast (TRT 2:33)

KCAL9 Orange County Reporter Dave Lopez reported on a new survey that found that one in four Californians is thinking about relocating to another state, due to the high rents and rising home prices.

FOOD INFLATION

November 18, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 2:13)

KCAL9 Money Reporter Alan Mendelson reported that inflation was coming back, and it was hitting the supermarket—items such as breakfast foods were starting to go up in price.

SHOPPING DEBT

November 24, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 1:41)

KCAL9 Money Reporter Alan Mendelson reported that the official holiday shopping period was starting that week, and thus many people could start the plunge into financial disaster. He provided some tips to help prevent shopping debt.

TAX BY MILE

November 24, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 2:20)

KCAL9 reporter Mark Coogan reported that a key state official just appointed by the Governor likes the idea of taxing drivers by the mile. The idea was proposed because the state is in need of money, and the country needs to reduce oil consumption.

CHRISTMAS TREE SHORTAGE

November 24, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 1:51)

KCAL9 reporter Rick Chambers reported that the Christmas tree supply was low, and prices were going through the roof.

HOLIDAY TRAVEL

November 24, 3-3:30pm newscast (TRT 1:45)

KCAL9 Inland Empire Reporter Craig Fiegener reported that the holiday travel rush was already in full swing at 3 o'clock that day. Tens of millions of people nationwide were expected to travel for Thanksgiving, and nearly 3 million would hit the road here in Southern California.

\$2 GAS

November 26, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 2:00)

KCAL9 Money Reporter Alan Mendelson reported that lower gasoline pump prices—as low as two dollars a gallon—wouldn't be far away.

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING

November 26, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 2:00)

KCAL9 reporter Juan Fernandez reported that the holiday shopping season got off to a fast start, as malls were jammed all over the Southland that day. Some shoppers were even out before dawn.

SHOPPING OUTLOOK

November 26, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 0:40)

KCAL9 Anchor Pat Harvey reported that economists said people would shop locally approximately 80% more this year. Analysts also said that the projected sales rise in Southern California would double the national average.

HEATER WARNINGS

November 30, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:37)

KCAL9 reporter Juan Fernandez reported some tips on making sure your furnace was working properly and safely, since the weather was getting cold and more people were starting to use their heaters.

CHRISTMAS LIGHT SAFETY

November 30, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:49)

KCAL9 reporter Joel Connable reported some tips on keeping your outdoor holiday lights safe, and advice on preventing fire dangers.

INTEREST RATES

November 30, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 1:47)

KCAL9 Money Reporter Alan Mendelson reported that people may not be getting the best deal for their money in a savings account, because savings rates were not rising like other interest rates.

OIL/GAS PRICES

December 1, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 1:54)

KCAL9 Money Reporter Alan Mendelson reported that gas pump prices would finally drop below two dollars a gallon.

PI-RAY PRODUCTS

December 1, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 1:59)

KCAL9 Money reporter Alan Mendelson reported that a Torrance company was developing products like clothing that is easier to clean, and clothing that could help you stay healthy.

HEATING PRICES

December 2, 3-3:30pm newscast (TRT 1:53)

KCAL9 reporter Rick Chambers reported some unfortunate news for consumers—utility companies said it would cost more to keep warm in the winter, and that some homeowners could expect heating bills to double.

COLD MEDICINE

December 2, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 2:10)

KCAL9 reporter Jaime Garza reported that in the midst of cold and flu season, consumers may not be able to buy all of the cold medicine they want, at some stores.

SERIAL RETURNS

December 5, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 2:22)

KCAL9 reporter Leyna Nguyen reported a warning to consumers: many stores would no longer be accepting returns, even with a receipt. Many retailers "secretly" track your returns, so that if it happens more than their set limit of times, they will reject the return.

FLU SHOTS

December 10, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 0:34)

KCAL9 Anchor David Jackson reported that there were more than 200thousand doses of flu shots available for high-risk groups in California. Los Angeles County clinics had tens of thousands of doses available for those 65 and older, health care workers and others in high-risk groups.

DODGE RECALL

December 10, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:45)

KCAL9 reporter Joel Connable reported that Dodge was recalling 600,000 vehicles. The SUV's and pick-up trucks have a defect that could cause their tires to fall off.

GAS PROTEST

December 13, 3-4pm newscast (TRT 0:29)

KCAL9 Anchor Mia Lee reported that a coalition led by the Mexican American Political Association was calling on Californians to boycott gas once a week. They wanted Governor Schwarzenegger to sign a law that would allow immigrants to obtain a California driver's license.

UPSCALE THRIFT

December 14, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 1:35)

KCAL9 Money Reporter Alan Mendelson reported on an upscale thrift shop run by the Salvation Army, where you can find high-end gifts, clothing & collectibles.

HOLIDAY HAZARDS

December 15, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 2:13)

KCAL9 reporter Christina Penza reported that every year, families lose their homes and loved ones to holiday fires that could have been easily prevented. She provided tips to keep your home and holiday safe.

LOW COST AUTO INSURANCE

December 16, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 0:35)

KCAL9 reporter Jaime Garza reported that not enough low-income people are taking advantage of the state's affordable car insurance. Insurance Commissioner John Garamendi stood at an intersection in Hollywood that day, to get the word out on a state program that was launched in August.

GAS PRICES DROP

December 17, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 0:27)

KCAL9 reporter Sandra Mitchell reported that gasoline prices in Southern California were down again for the 8th week in a row. The Auto Club said the lower prices come from lower demand, and a drop in crude oil prices.

ALEVE STUDY

December 20, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:45)

KCAL9 reporter Lora McLaughlin reported on concerns about Aleve. Health officials stopped an Alzheimer's study when the drug seemed to increase the risk of heart attack or stroke.

SHOPPING ID THEFT

December 22, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 1:52)

KCAL9 Money Reporter Alan Mendelson reported that the nation's number one crime continues to be identity theft but there are things you can do to protect your money.

MINIVAN RECALL

December 24, 8-9pm newscast (TRT:35)

KCAL9 Anchor Pat Harvey reported that GM is recalling more than 700 thousand minivans because of a problem with the power sliding door. Owners will be notified of the recall by the manufacturer.

ECONOMY YEAR-ENDER

December 27, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 2:30)

KCAL9 reporter Leyna Nguyen reported that the economy heads into the end of the year with good momentum capping 12 months of upheaval in the business world.